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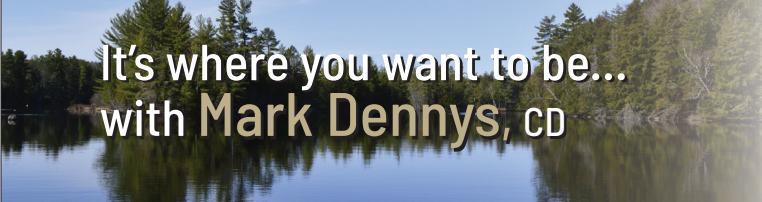
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## Skatepark vandalized, camera goes up

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a June 25 meeting of Dysart et al council.*

Recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller told councillors there have been two recent incidents of the municipality's Junction Skatepark being vandalized with graffiti. In one case Mueller said the culprit was identified within about 24 hours, and the youth's parents dealt with the situation.

"The parents contacted the OPP," she said. "They wanted to make sure those kids understood this was a very serious offence." Mueller said the parents banned their child from the the skatepark for a month, and that the youth performed some volunteer hours with Mueller's department.

In the second incident, the vandal had not been identified. Mueller said the municipality already has a surveillance camera that will be installed on a light post overlooking the skatepark. Mayor Andrea Roberts said that two cameras in Head Lake Park that had been de-activated will also be reactivated following a homicide in a private residence in Haliburton Village on June 18.

"It's not just to spy, it's for our security," Roberts said.

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**Putting a bounce in her step**

Tegan Dolik, 8, spent time leaping into the air with friends in the bouncy pirate ship at the West Gullford Canada Day celebration on July 1. More on page 3. /JENN WATT Staff

## County councillors to consider governance review

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors will consider having a governance review of the county and its four lower-tier municipalities conducted by a third party.

Councillors had a lengthy discussion on the issue during a June 26 meeting, where they received a report on a shared services/collaboration review completed by the chief administrative officers of the five local governments, along with department heads.

The report included an inventory of numerous existing collaborations between the municipalities – from shared training and information-sharing among bylaw staff to a county-wide firefighter recruit program to joint tendering for roads department materials such as salt and hot mix, and activities such as surveying and traffic counting.

There are also a number of roads maintenance agreements in place between municipalities in different areas of the county.

"A lot of times, there's not a dollar figure attached to the collaboration," county CAO Mike Rutter told

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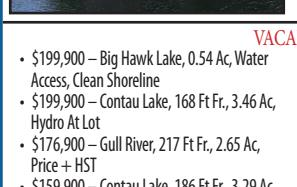
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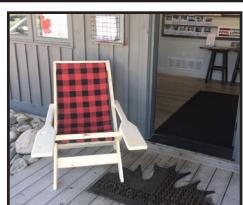


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# Cannabis fair proposed for Head Lake Park

from page 1

Councillor Larry Clarke, who sits on the municipality's events and recreation committee, told his colleagues about a proposal for a three-day marijuana fair to be held in Head Lake Park in September of 2020.

Clarke stressed the proposed event was a wellness and vendor type of fair.

"As a community, we have certain guidelines, I guess, that need to be followed," Clarke said. "It's not a big festival, it's a wellness fair."

A report indicated that organizers had been informed that smoking and vaping is not permitted within Head Lake Park, and should the event proceed, organizers would also need to obtain a park use permit, and the park would need to be gated to prevent underage attendees.

Organizers are scheduled to make a delegation to council in the fall, and while there was apparently an offer that they would give some proceeds back to community organizations, Mayor Andrea Roberts said she was concerned about the optics of a municipally sanctioned event involving marijuana.

"So, we haven't said yes to that event," Roberts said.

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— Councillor Larry Clarke on proposed cannabis fair

However, most of his colleagues were more concerned about level of service than cost.

"Ward 3 shouldn't be treated any differently than anywhere else," said Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy, adding he was comfortable with the costs.

"I believe the level of service is a bigger priority than anything else," said Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts.

The costs will include the purchase of a new plow for approximately \$265,000 and the hiring of an additional staff person, whose time will be split between plowing and the landfill. Wages and benefits for that position will cost more than \$70,000.

## Green burials

Terry Moore, who's made delegations to each of the county's four lower-tier township councils, made a presentation requesting the municipality consider designating areas for green burials within the cemetery, as well as consider options for winter burials.

Moore and his wife Shirley lost their son Kyle this past February, after a decades-long battle with brain cancer. As Moore explained to councillors, Kyle's strong environmental convictions meant his family tried to seek out environmentally-friendly burial options locally. Green burials do not include the use of embalming chemicals, steel, fibreglass or cement vaults, Moore explained, but rather use biodegradable shrouds, coffin-shaped baskets or unfinished wooden coffins.

"Along with the exclusion of winter burials, existing bylaws in all four [Haliburton County] townships also require bodies being stored for spring burial to be either embalmed or stored with steel, fibreglass or concrete vaults, which cannot be reopened once sealed," reads a report Moore submitted to council.

While the Moores were able to find cemeteries offering green winter burials in places such Roseneath, Cobourg and Kitchener-Waterloo, they struggled with the idea of burying their son in a place far from home, that he didn't know. Ultimately, the Moores chose to have their son's body embalmed for spring burial at St. Stephen's cemetery, which Moore stressed was a very difficult decision for the family.

Moore told councillors he was requesting the municipality designate an area within Evergreen Cemetery, as well as consider practices for winter burials, so that other families may be spared the experience his has gone through.

"It would not be re-inventing the wheel," said Moore, who added there is a property owner in Dysart with a five-acre property that has been offered as a conservation burial area. He also urged council to look into the logistics of permitting that facility to be created, and requested a township rep sit on a county green burial working group being created by Environment Haliburton.

"I don't know much about cemeteries, but I know they're heavily regulated," said Roberts, adding the matter would be referred to staff.

## Bring Harcourt plowing in-house

Council voted to bring snowplowing operations in the Harcourt area, which have been performed by a contractor, in-house.

A staff report indicated there could be operational savings of \$11,000 to \$36,000, although there was some disagreement at the council table about the validity of these numbers.

"If we make these decisions without understanding the costs, I think we're not doing our job," said Councillor John Smith, who took issue with the figures as they had been presented.

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# Lyle Stamp and Pat Bain named Pioneer Citizen Award winners

JENN WATT

Editor

Known for their generosity and community spirit, Lyle Stamp and Pat Bain were each given a West Guilford Pioneer Citizen Award at the Canada Day celebration on Monday.

In front of a large crowd gathered at the community centre, Barry Boice said it's the characters who live in West Guilford that make the place special, Lyle Stamp being "the biggest character of them all."

Stamp was born on Pine Lake in 1944 and has lived in the village of West Guilford since he was six. Lyle and Carol Stamp were married in 1975 and together raised two children.

"His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and teasing. His career was spent in the truck, whether it be a gravel truck or a log truck," Boice said.

Over the years, Stamp's name became synonymous with the village. Boice said if you travel outside of the county and bring up West Guilford, if the person knows the place, they are also likely to bring up Lyle Stamp.

"He has helped put us on the map. When you hear his name, many thoughts come to your mind: his stories, his one-liners, his antics," he said.

"There's a lot more to him than just that. ... He would sooner have money in his pocket to give to someone in need than have money in his bank account for himself. So that's why Guilford is such a special place, is because we have guys and girls like Lyle that live here."

The second honouree this year was Pat Bain, known by many through her years of teaching. Kim Stamp spoke about the impact Bain has had on many lives around the county.

"Pat's life has not always been easy, but she's a shining example of a person who has chosen to overcome the hard times with a fierce determination to be the better person and to also make the world a better place around her because of those experiences," Kim Stamp said.

Bain grew up in Eagle Lake and when she graduated high school was encouraged to become a teacher. She enrolled in teacher's college at age 18 and when she started teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Essonville, she was only three years older than the oldest student in the class.

Stamp said that Bain was a caring teacher who made sure the children had the proper outfits for graduation and warm clothes in the winter. She was firm with students, while making sure they understood they were loved.

"Even when Pat is going through her own trials she always finds the time to reach out to her family and friends with her incredible stores of love and compassion," she said.

Pat Bain has a deep love for her family, Stamp said, which has led to a perpetually full voicemail box. Because she's unwilling to delete messages from her grandkids, now no one is able to leave a message.

"Pat has not only been a great teacher, but also a caring and thoughtful community minded person who has delivered countless meals to families in their time of need and always has time to stop for a visit to check on how you are doing," Stamp said.

Lyle Stamp and Pat Bain were honoured with individual plaques and their names have been added to a larger plaque reflecting all of the award winners.

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This year, two people received Pioneer Citizen Awards at the West Guilford Canada Day ceremony: Lyle Stamp and Pat Bain. Barry Boice presented the award to Stamp, praising his generosity and sharing some of his antics. Kim Stamp presented the award to Bain, saying she is a kind person, who as a teacher was a loving presence for every child. / JENN WATT Staff



Above, Holly Carpenter, left, and Jaime Bilodeau got into the Canada Day spirit with some fancy red and white attire.

Above right, the boys are on their mark ready to start the race.

Right, the official flag raisers this year were Jackson Titus, and Hadley Burtch, who raised the Canada flag during the playing of the national anthem to get the ceremonies underway.

Below, Sawyer Boutin dunks in the bouncy castle



Above, girls dressed in their most patriotic colours race across the field in the annual West Guilford Canada Day tradition.

# Daughter remembers Brown as 'very caring soul'

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Nichole Erickson wants people to know her father was a good man.

The daughter of Robert Brown, whose body was found in a Highland Street home on June 18, the victim of an apparent homicide, said he was a "very kind" and "extremely genuine" man.

"I can honestly say that when he looked at someone and said I will do anything for you, he meant it," she said. "He was definitely the type of man where, if the only thing he had was the shirt on his back, he would give it to somebody that he cared a lot for."

Erickson said her dad was born in Toronto and grew up in Hampton, Ont.

"He was always smiling," she said. "He was never someone you could never get to smile, he was always smiling and he was always a great listener so when you had issues you could take it to him and he would listen. He would give you good advice."

Throughout his life he worked in several positions, she said, including as a window washer when he was younger and then on the oil rigs in Alberta, where he had an accident that left him with a metal rod inserted into his leg, pain, and unable to work.

He had eight children – the oldest is 32, and the youngest is 17, and 10 grandchildren. Though Erickson didn't have a lot of contact with her dad growing up, she reached out to him when she was a teenager to try to connect. When they met at West Hill Collegiate in Toronto, Erickson

said it felt like meeting an old friend again after a number of years, as though no time had passed. Though four of Brown's children were adopted and have not yet been located, Erickson said he spent quality time with each of the four children he had contact with as adults, prior to his death.

"He spent a period of the last 11 years getting close with each and every one of us, so we all have a different side of him that we know, we all have a different story we can share, but we all can stand here and say regardless of [any] bad decisions he would definitely put us first," said Erickson.

It was in 2015 that he moved to Haliburton.

"He ended up just moving to Haliburton because he wanted that small community life instead of being in a big city," she said. "He kind of just wanted to escape and be with nature. He was definitely a nature lover."

Though Brown enjoyed Haliburton, where he could see the lake from his house, Erickson said he did want to live closer to family.

"He liked the fact that it was more of a community feeling rather than a city feeling but I think the distance between him and his family was getting to him and he just wanted to be closer to them."

Erickson said that Brown had experienced addiction throughout his life. After his death, she saw signs in his house that he had likely relapsed into addiction again. Though typically someone who lived in a very clean house – which she saw in photos in January – she said at the time of his death he was living in conditions that were unkempt.

"He was honestly a really good guy,"



An undated photo of Robert Brown. "I feel like that picture best describes how bright he saw life and how much he's smiled through everything," said his daughter Nichole. "I think it's the best photo to show him as I see him."

she said. "He made some very poor decisions in his life, and ultimately, I'm not going to lie, I think that the poor decisions led to his death. But I will be the first one to stand here and say through all of the mistakes, he would be the first one to say yeah, I screwed up and I'm sorry."

Erickson said she doesn't want his challenges with addiction to be what people remember.

"We all make mistakes in life, right, nobody's perfect," she said. "And if his mistakes are going to be how people remember him, that's not how I want people to remember him. My father deserves to be honoured. He would treat anybody with respect. There were people in his life where, when they died, he would be the first to say, yeah, they had moments where they screwed up but that's not who they are. I feel like I'm doing the best that I can to show people that everybody, regardless of their history and regardless of their mistakes, deserves to be honoured. I believe there is good in everybody."

She said she believes in the theme of Luke Bryan's song, "Most People Are Good."

"Everybody has a heart, everybody has feelings, everybody has morals," she said. "They may differ from mine and the way that I do things but every single person on this earth regardless of how they lived or regardless of how they died deserves to be honoured by what made them a person and not what eventually took their life."

A memorial has been held for Brown, which Erickson said friends and family attended. At that memorial, she was able

to meet her dad's longtime friend, and give him a framed photo of the time he and Brown met musician Jeff Healey.

"You could tell [Dad] loved that photo and it was a memory he cherished," she said. "You could tell that was something he definitely honoured."

Erickson said it has been hard to hear rumours and negative discussion about her dad in the days after his death, even at local establishments while she is in town.

"The bottom line is that my dad was a very caring soul and a very genuine man," said Erickson. "I think that side of him really needs to be shared, because a lot of people are just looking at how he died, and the state of what the house was used for in the last six months instead of who my father was the last 49 years."

She hopes that by speaking about how his addiction affected his life, his story might help others facing the same challenges.

"Your life can be anything you want it to be and in a matter of seconds, one bad decision can change it," she said. "If I can take everything my father has gone through in the last year and use it as a life lesson to anybody, I mean, one wrong decision can change someone's life, for better or for worse."

As part of the ongoing investigation, police have arrested and charged Norman Hart with second-degree murder. Further details of the investigation have not been released.

A celebration of life is being planned in Oshawa, tentatively to be held July 13. For further details, contact Nichole at [organizeitbest@gmail.com](mailto:organizeitbest@gmail.com).

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# Finding ways to offer STEM in rural places

VANESSA BALINTEC

Staff Reporter

While Haliburton Highlands Secondary School offers a strong foundation of science-based and hands-on courses, computer science classes are harder to come by.

HHSS offers computer science courses every year at the Grade 10 and Grade 11 level, according to school board records. Although courses are offered to students, it's not guaranteed the course will be run.

HHSS auto shop and computer science teacher Phil Dulong says Grade 11 computer science has not run for more than five years.

"Because we are a small school, we can't offer everything like I wish we could," said Dulong. "Even in the sciences, they don't offer those courses every year, they'll offer them every other year. You have to plan to take that course if you want that course when it's available."

The HHSS website states that the Grade 10 computer science course was the only one offered this year.

Dulong said despite the interest among students, numbers determine if there will be a class available for the subject.

Dulong is worried about the future of computer science courses at HHSS.

"There's no computer programming or computers at a senior level, and it's been that way for years," said Dulong. "I'm really worried about next fall. With these increased class sizes, there's going to be less classes, period. There's going to be less offered, and I'm really worried about it."

However, according to Trillium Lake-

lands District School Board corporate services and communications manager Catherine Shedden, TLDSB classes are offered based on "student choice and student voice."

Shedden said she is unaware of any cancelled classes that have sufficient interest.

"As long as a sufficient number of students indicate interest in courses, they will continue to run," said Shedden.

Outside of school, Dulong prompts his students to look up resources online to learn more about coding.

"I encourage the kids at the end of Grade 10," said Dulong. "I say, 'Look, here's what you can do on your own. You can go onto self-guided Python, C+ sources, and you can do these things on your own if you're interested.'"

There's a plethora of online, free computer science material that people can access to help learn more about coding and programming.

Program coordinators at the Haliburton County Public Library use some of these free resources to help put together programs to help integrate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) into the community.

"It's become very obvious that technology and digital literacy is paramount these days," said community of making animator Noelia Marziali. "We picked up on the fact that there's some skill development that needs to take place in the county specifically, and I think the library is an obvious choice to take the lead in giving people access to skill-building in digital literacy specifically."

The county's library branches collaborate to offer tech programs in the Community of Making program that works

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*If they can get a head start on that, I think it really sets them up for the future.*

— Nancy Therrien

with local schools, businesses, and radio to promote digital learning.

This year's programs among other activities, feature circuit maker workshops, digital media projects, Windows workshops, and coding with miniature robots for people of all ages.

This initiative, which launched in 2017, has helped more than 1,000 people within the community to learn new things and receive help with individual projects.

Nancy Therrien, programming and outreach co-ordinator, says children should start learning about STEAM subjects as soon as they are able.

"If they can get a head start on that, I think it really sets them up for the future," said Therrien. "We're very careful to encourage active, creative use of technology, not just consumption. We want them to use their creativity to learn how to make things."

Marziali and Therrien say their programs have drawn out some of the older crowds, too.

"There's a lot of people now that are starting to use technology, but they don't even know how to turn a cellphone on,"

said Therrien. "Or a lot of people are having trouble with decision-making with computers. Something pops up and they don't know what to do. All of our tech courses we're really trying to teach people to be safe and protect their privacy, and teach them only what they want and need to know."

The library co-ordinators say barriers such as budget cuts, awareness, and transportation are the biggest challenges to getting people connected with tech resources.

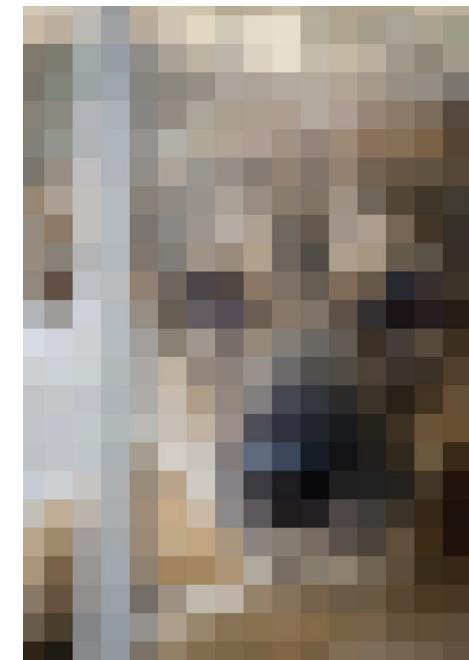
"We have a lot of room for growth," said Therrien. "If there is interest just from two people, we can grow from that. It's just based on the interest. A lot of people after school, they're gone, they're bussed everywhere. They can't come back, and that's always really a struggle – the geographic region."

But despite the challenges, Marziali is optimistic.

"Despite whatever level of funding and support there is for it, we have this now," said Marziali about the tech programs throughout the county, which helps support the initiative. "One way or another, we're going to offer people access to it however we can. People know the importance, and it's not going away any time soon – it's just going to become more important."

The Haliburton County Public Library Annual Report 2018 states that providing access and instruction in technology promotes economic development.

And according to the Canadian government and their STEM initiatives, the demand for people who can fill STEM-related jobs will only continue to increase.



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*Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir*

## Collaboration vs. amalgamation

INTEREST has been growing in recent years for county council to look at the way the two-tier government is structured. Perceived inefficiencies and potential collaborations make the prospect of rejigging the system appealing to some.

Last week, county council received a report from chief administrative officer Mike Rutter outlining where collaboration was already happening with suggestions on additional shared efforts.

Council is now considering whether to conduct a third-party governance review.

Arguments have been made in the past that the county should consider uniting its four lower-tier municipalities into a single-tier system – one that is more efficient and, some believe, less expensive.

However, amalgamation is also not always the paragon of cost-savings that people think it would be.

A study done in 2015 for the Fraser Institute, a conservative think tank, looked at three rural municipalities that underwent amalgamation under the Harris government.

"We find significant increases in property taxes, compensation for municipal employees, and long-term debt in both amalgamated and unamalgamated communities, suggesting there was no tangible, financial benefit from amalgamation. In fact, many of the claims put forward by those favouring consolidation failed to materialize," the report notes.

The study is by no means the last word on whether savings can be found in amalgamation, but it makes the point that reducing government size does not always bring the sav-

ings people expect.

That said, there are many ways in which our county could be better integrated, offering standard service to all residents regardless of which municipality they live in.

Our landfills and waste management, as well as roads, are both good candidates to be uploaded to the county.

The flipside of the coin, however, is that too much integration can lead to loss of representation. The smaller places with the fewest people could end up with a smaller voice than

they have now. When council representation is trimmed or services centralized, it's the places with the fewest people that will feel that change the most.

This is a topic that can't be fully explored in one story in the newspaper, one study, or one council meeting. It needs to be fleshed out over time and through plenty of deliberation and discussion.

Finding efficiencies and making municipal government work better doesn't have to mean amalgamation. It's not an all-or-nothing situation.

Council should be open to a third-party review of government operations and willing to make the changes that make sense, but that doesn't need to be a single-tier model.

The county would be best served with an approach tailor-made for our residents and our environment, one that provides the best, most integrated services possible, while still preserving the voices and perspectives of all of its populations, from Cardiff to Oxtongue Lake.



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Sunset fishing

by Darren Lum

## Summer fun has begun

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL summer day! The sun is shining and everyone is happy to be outside doing what they love: swimming, gardening, biking, walking and socializing with their neighbours.

I can't even begin to list all of the wonderful summer activities that take place in our great village. Many that follow my articles know that I am Haliburton's No. 1 cheerleader! It doesn't matter the weather or time of year; I think that this community is a beautiful place to be.

Why? Because of you! The people that live and visit here are our greatest asset. They are generous and kind hearted and want to share this great place we call home. They enjoy and support the many events held each year. They understand that community means helping each other and celebrating each other's success. I am a proud Haliburtonian and think that you are too.

This past week we celebrated the successful re-branding of V&S to the Glecoff's Family Store. This store has been a strong foundation in our downtown for many years. Andy and Sandra Glecoff built V&S into a successful community minded retail store. If you needed it, it could be found at V&S.

But times change and every business has to be ready to adapt to new trends. So, Clay and Amy Glecoff, Andy's son and daughter-in-law stepped up to embrace the challenge of running a successful department store that uses social media to publicize its merchandise and share messages with their customers. They have greatly expanded their merchandise selection.

Congratulations to the Glecoffs on this successful business re-branding.

Your name is synonymous with success and we are proud to support you in downtown Haliburton.

Congratulations to our Canada Day window decorating contest winners.

First place was awarded to Algonquin Outfitters for their great depiction of all things Canadian.

Second place was awarded to Kosy Korner, especially for their "campfire" made out of plants.

Third place was awarded to Lockside Trading Company for their creative use of red and white.

Our non-retail winner was Cedar Winds Design/Build for their inclusion of items that surely depict all things Canadian right down to the maple syrup.

We have welcomed a few new businesses to downtown Haliburton over the past couple of months.

Please stop by the following businesses and find out what they are all about. You'll be surprised that sometimes the name is just the beginning of what they are offering to you.

Welcome to The Hive Eco-Pest Control, Capturing Eden, and Russell Red Records Summer Pop-Up – all located on Highland Street – and Muskoka Vapor Company, located on York Street.

Downtown Haliburton is also the happy home to several businesses that have chosen to expand their locations. Castle Antiques and Café is now located at the corner of Maple and Highland. The Highlander is soon to be re-located on the corner of Highland and Mountain. Also watch for the much-anticipated relocation of Lockside Trading Company on Highland Street.

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# points of view

## City ways

THIS MORNING my daughter Carmen visited me from her home in the big city. It was nice to spend time with my little girl, who is now 19, and catch up on what's going on in her life.

I'm not one of those parents who worries a lot about their kid who lives in the city. In fact, I firmly believe if you raise them right, they can live anywhere without any cause for concern.

Sadly, all that changed at lunch.

I was grilling burgers and Carmen's job was to get all the fixings ready. She set the ketchup, mustard and relish out on the counter and then cut the tomatoes and sliced the cheese without incident – like we had taught her. But things went sideways when it came time to extract a couple of dill pickles to slice for toppings.

I'm not proud to admit this but.... she reached for a spoon.

That's right a spoon.

"For the love of God, what are you doing?" I yelled, as she clanked the spoon around in the inside of the jar and tried to extract a pickle.

"Getting us a couple of pickles to put on our burgers," she answered.

"With a spoon?" I asked. "What have they done to you?"

Then I handed her a fork.

"Look," I said, as calmly as possible, "I don't know how they remove pickles from a jar in the big city but around here we use a fork just like the good Lord intended."

Carmen looked at me and took the fork. Then she immediately speared two prime pickles and fished them out. But the damage had been done.

I grabbed her by the shoulders, looked her square in the eyes and said, "Never forget the old ways."

"What?" she replied.

"Never," I whispered. And then I hugged her.

Not to make too big a deal of this, but I think we can all agree I had saved Carmen from both personal and professional embarrassment later in life. Let's face it, the only reason big corporations have company picnics is to separate those who will try to fish pickles from a jar with a spoon from those who will go on to successful careers.

I think she realized this too.

For immediately after that incident, she looked at me the way any daughter would after realizing that her father is the wisest man on the planet. Moreover, I could tell she was probably thinking, "Oh my goodness, if he is right about this, what else has he been right about?"

She tried to hide these thoughts by giggling and text messaging her friend, but a father knows.

"Look," I said. "There's really no need to feel bad about this."

"Bad about what?" she said.

I looked towards the pickle jar and then turned my gaze to the spoon.

"It happens to everyone sooner or later," I whispered. "Let's not make a big deal of it."

"What are you talking about?" she said.

"Nothing," I giggled. "It will be all right."

When that exchange was over, I had almost convinced myself that the pickle jar incident, as we now refer to it, was just an unfortunate occurrence – a blip in an otherwise stellar career of condiment use. I even convinced myself that a year of city life hadn't changed my daughter and was not to blame.

And I would have gone on believing this too – if only she hadn't tried to use a fork to get those olives...



## Loon Tales

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## pic of the past

The first production of *Mary Poppins* in Haliburton happened 51 years ago, in 1968. It was presented by the Lakeview School, Grade 6 to 8. Principal: Stuart Baker. From left, Glenda Burke (Mary Poppins); Gerry Donaldson (Mr. Banks); Sharon Maughan (Mrs. Banks); Marilyn Thayer (Jane); George Thayer (Bert); Stephen Baker (Michael). Director was Bill Gliddon. Thank you to Bill Gliddon for providing this photo.

## letters to the editor

## Mary Poppins is super...

To the Editor,

...Califragilisticexpialidocious, that is!

Last night, my wife and I attended the opening night of *Mary Poppins*, and we certainly did not need a spoonful of sugar to make it "go down."

*Mary Poppins* is a delightful Highlands Summer Festival musical production, brought to life by a gifted director, choreographer, cast and crew.

Scot Denton created magic with his awe-inspiring direction of this amazingly hard-working cast, and his efficient crew (who ran things with great precision – "like a British bank," as Mr. George Banks would say).

I also keep wondering how on God's green earth did choreographer (and star) Beth Robertson get everybody on that stage to accomplish those intricate song-and-dance numbers: the audience was gobsmacked by the cast's nigh-to-impossible performance of "Supercal... etc."

Speaking of accomplishment and performance, this was a truly seamless cast ensemble: from the smallest roles to Mary, from the oldest players to young Duncan Evans-Fockler (Michael Banks), every actor was "spit-spot" perfect.

Beth Robertson's interpretation of Mary Poppins was a pure delight, and Carlo Blanchini's "Bert" was heartwarming and charm itself – as

intended, no doubt, he was the glue that connected the scenes and the characters to each other. Andrew Case and Kelsey Crowe had the unenviable task of playing Mary Poppins's straight-laced employers, and they did so with great alacrity; as they say in England, well done you!

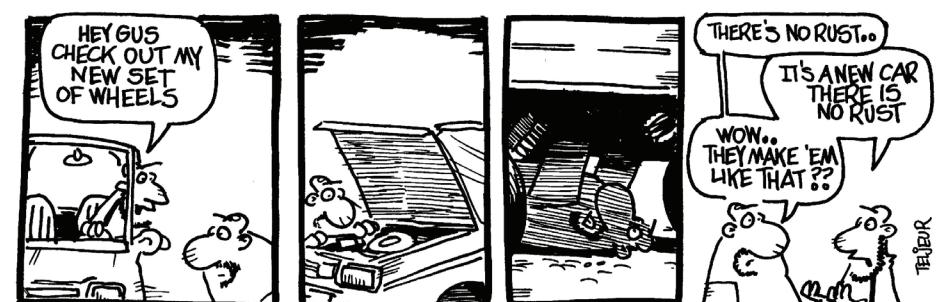
However, it was the littlest stars that really made this musical shine brightly. Tate Itani Smith, as Jane Banks, and Duncan Evans-Fockler, as her younger brother Michael Banks, absolutely stole every scene they were in. The chemistry between Tate and Duncan was so good that you easily believed they were sister and brother. Tate's performance of the petulant pre-teen "Jane" was at once fierce and wonderfully entertaining, not to mention her strong and beautiful singing voice. Duncan captured every single member of the audience's heart with his enchanting delivery of the precocious-yet-adorable "Michael Banks."

We are so very glad we saw *Mary Poppins* last night, because:

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... No wonder that it's Mary that we love!"

René Benoit  
Haliburton

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## Class of 2019



The class of 2019 with last names from A-L: Ashley Ackerblade, Kurtis Adams, Denver Allore, Kade Bain, Tannis Bain-Gross, Griffen Baldry, Gabriel Bales, Jenna Barber, Jordan Barber, Ati Baricz, Noah Black, Jaxson Campbell, Ethan Carl, Parker Casey, Kathryn Christian, Sydney Churko, Aidan Coles, Destiny Cooper, Nicole Cox, Owen Craftchick, Tanner Crang, Nolan Davidson, Kyle Davis, Jordan Dewitt, Nikolas Dollo, Steven Dudgeon, Ethan Evans, Jamie Evans, Drew Foster, Austin French, Dylan Garbutt, Jackson Gartshore, Owen Gilbert, Natalya Gimon, Alicia Gottschalk, Dylan Gullins, Lucas Haedicke, Jessica Hannah, Kiefer Harrison, Arden Harrop, David Hartwick, Helena Haywood, Coleman Heaven, Joey Hutchinson, Jesse Johnston, Colby Lambshead, Kiana Lavergne, Caden Little, Liam Little, Ben Livingstone.

## Class of 2019 prepares for the next adventure

Nick Toth gives the valedictorian's address. He said that Haliburton High would be a part of the grads' hearts forever. /JENN WATT Staff



JENN WATT

*Editor*

Family and friends came together at the Athletic Centre on Thursday evening, beaming with pride and excitement as the class of 2019 officially graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Ninety-five students graduated this year, and vice-principal David Waito reminded those assembled in the gym of the importance of the ceremony.

"It is a rite of passage. Rites of passage are a time when we formally leave one stage of our lives and enter into another. In our culture, high school graduation

is regarded as the time when we finish adolescence and begin adulthood and it is for this reason that we call tonight's ceremony a commencement – denoting something of importance is about to commence, or begin," he said.

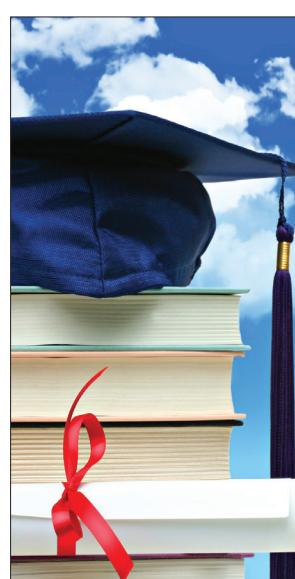
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*I know the strength that each of [the graduates] is capable of.*

— Valedictorian Nick Toth

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HHSS principal Chris Boulay speaks to the graduating class of 2019. The Athletic Centre was packed with well-wishers for the graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 27.

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who was once principal of HHSS, bestowed three messages upon the grads: use your voice to make the world better; think big, but set realistic goals; and practice gratitude.

"Make sure the glass is always half full," he said, advising grads to write down three things they were thankful for each night before bed.

Principal Chris Boulay called the class of 2019 "our best-case scenarios," who had often overcome adversity and challenge to succeed. Adding humour to his speech, he crafted some hashtags for the group: #GraduatesBeYou; #IgnoreTheDoubters; #BeStrong; and #Appreciate.

Valedictorian Nick Toth reminded his peers of the many firsts they've had over the past four years – first job, first time driving, first friendships or relationships. He remembered sitting in orientation in 2015, thinking that 2019 was so far away. Now, he said, 2015 seems long ago.

Toth said though he couldn't predict the future, he knew the mettle of his classmates.

"I know each and every one of the people graduating ... I know the strength that each of them is capable of," he said.

He thanked everyone who came out, saying he hoped the class had made them all proud.

"We proved ourselves yesterday, we have proved ourselves today, and I know without a doubt we will prove ourselves tomorrow. That is what a Hawk does, after all."

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*Make sure the glass is always half full.*

— Gary Brohman

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Chloe Samson, Carter Semach, Drew Todd, Nick Toth, Alicia Villamere, Karley Wilson

### Perfect Attendance

Vaibhavi Marathe

### School Letters

Natalya Gimon, Arden Harrop, Liam Little, Maya Meraw

### Governor General's Academic Medal

Vaibhavi Marathe

### Lieutenant Governor General's Award For Community Service

Liam Little

### Specialist High Skills Major

### Hospitality and Tourism

Liam Little

### Environment

Ati Baricz, Kiefer Harrison, Caden Little, Brody Morrison, Louis Muenzel, Dane Roylance

### Extended French Certificate

Ashley Ackerblade, Aidan Coles, Natalya Gimon, Lucas Haedicke, Coleman Heaven, Maya Meraw, Drew Rupnow, Lexie Tait, Nick Toth, Alicia Villamere

### Honour Society

Aidan Coles, Dylan Garbutt, Natalya Gimon, Kiefer Harrison, Arden Harrop, Helena Haywood, Coleman Heaven, Vaibhavi Marathe, Maya Meraw, Louis Muenzel, Josie Quigley, Samantha Steffensen, Lexie Tait, Nick Toth, Karley Wilson

*To be eligible for Honour Roll you must have an average of 80% or higher in your top six senior courses taken in your graduating year (they do not all have to be grade 12 courses). If you have achieved Honours in all four years at HHSS, you become a member of the Honour Society. To be eligible for Ontario Scholar you must have an average of 80% or higher in your top six grade 12 courses, no matter what year they are taken in.*

### Valedictorian

Nick Toth

### Awards And Scholarships

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### Canadian Parents For French - Core French Award

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### Canadian Parents For French - Extended French Award

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Recipient: Maya Meraw

### Cooperative Education Program Award

Donor: Chris Duchene

Recipient: Tannis Bain-Gross

### Dale Robinson Award

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### Dawson Hamilton Memorial Award

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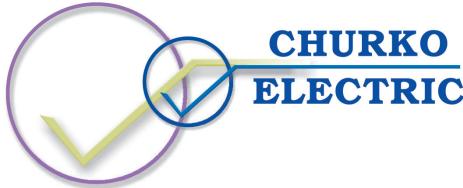


Piper Andrew Mansfield leads the students in to their graduation, as is the tradition at HHSS.

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Recipient: Dakota MacDonald

#### Eric Nystedt Memorial Award (Male)

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Recipient: Aidan Coles

#### Ethel L. Curry Award

Donor: The late Miss Ethel L. Curry  
Recipient: Nicole Cox

#### Extended French Award

Donor: Cleve and Liane Roberts  
Recipients: Maya Meraw

#### F.D. Herlihey Memorial Award

Donor: The late F. Harold Herlihey  
Recipient: Maya Meraw

#### Gary G. Brohman Award For Student Leadership

Donor: Gary Brohman  
Recipient: Ashley Ackerblade

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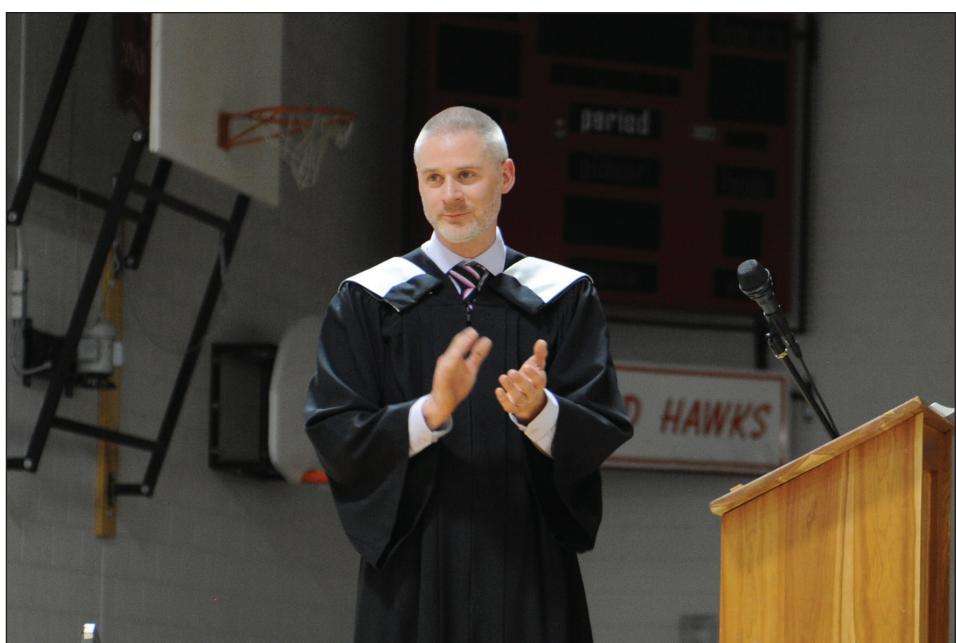
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#### Gloria Lemieux Award

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Recipients: Liam Little, Maya Meraw, Chloe Samson and Nick Toth

#### Gloria McCormack Memorial Award

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Vice-principal David Waite applauds from the stage during the graduation and awards ceremony at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

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Liam Little shakes trustee Gary Brohman's hand at the graduation ceremony. He received the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Community Service. /JENN WATT Staff

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## J. Douglas Hodgson History Award

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## Jason Hollowell Award

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## Minden Legion Scholarship For Science

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 Recipient: Vaibhavi Marathe

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**Rotary Club Of Haliburton Mathematics Scholarship**  
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 Recipient: Maya Meraw

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 Recipients: Aidan Coles and Natalya Gimon

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Vaibhavi Marathe received the Governor General's Academic Medal from principal Chris Boulay at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 27. The ceremony was well attended with parents, family and friends of the class of 2019. / JENN WATT Staff

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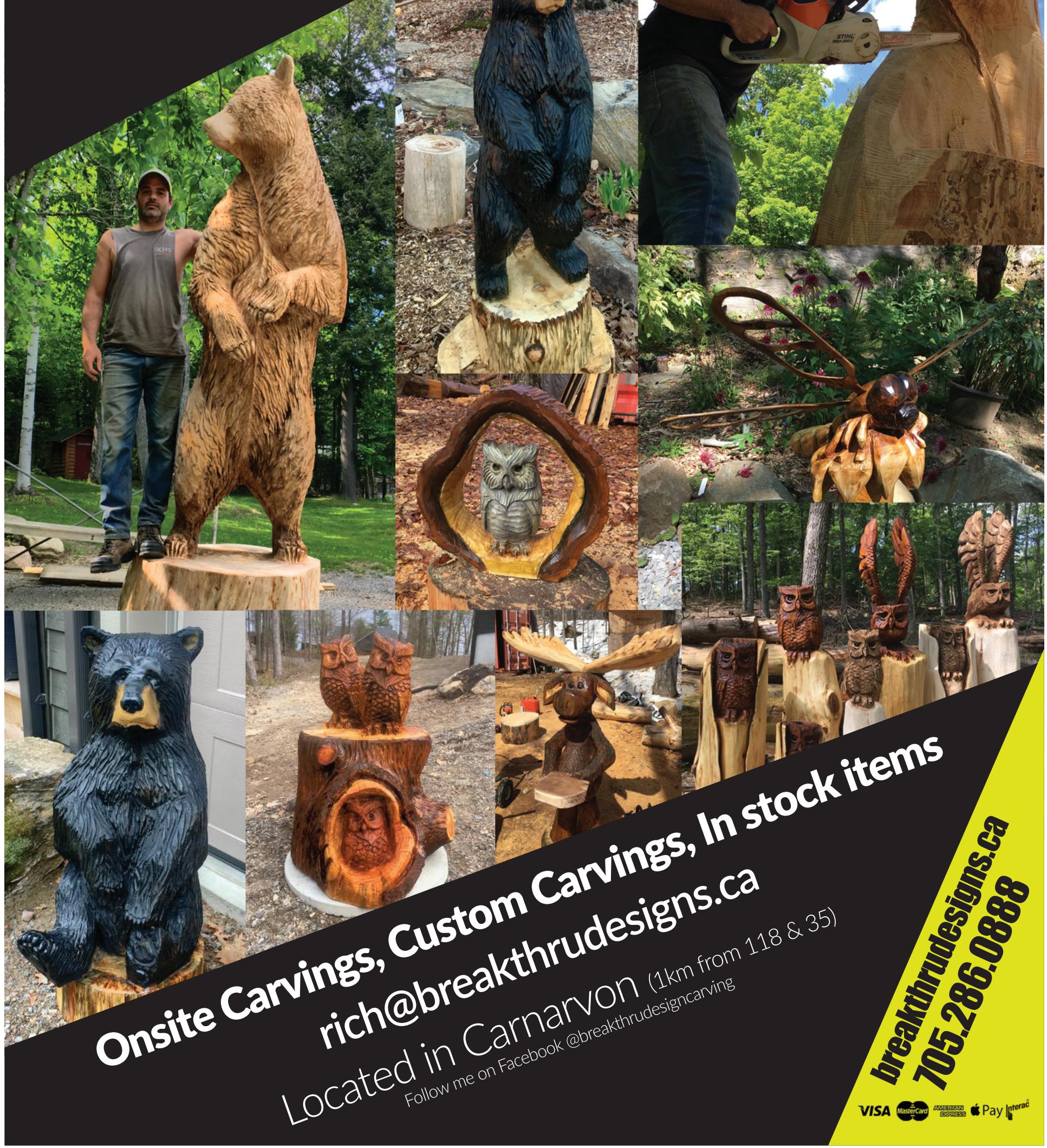
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# Jaguars roar towards next chapter

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Enthusiastic applause may have literally ended the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 graduation ceremony, but it figuratively signalled the beginning of a new chapter for the 59 graduating Grade 8 students.

The MC duo of Mike Gervais and Andrew Dawson entertained the audience at the graduation; school board trustee Gary Brohman reminded graduates to establish habits of gratitude; and principal Andrea Borysiuk thanked the students' "circle of support," including parents, guardians and teachers.

Valedictorian Campbell Smith stood at the podium and shared her memories of time spent at JDHES.

"JDH doesn't just give us a place to build friendships and try new things, but it's a place where we can challenge ourselves, be ourselves and develop confidence in ourselves as well as others," she said.

She reminded graduates that kindness was at the heart of efforts to help peers and take on causes in the community.

"One small act of kindness can change someone's day and have a huge impact. There's still work to be done, but as a group of graduating students we are learning to be kind to one another. Going forward we can continue to make a difference because kindness does matter," she said.

She took time to share her appreciation for the help given by teachers, staff, parents, family members and friends.



At the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday, June 25, valedictorian Campbell Smith told this year's J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 graduates to "follow your dreams. Have courage. Take a chance. Believe in yourselves. You got this." /DARREN LUM Staff

One of them, Campbell said, was Borysiuk, her volleyball coach, who provided advice for sport and life.

"Move your feet." She didn't quite say it like that, but the lesson on the court was to work hard, be ready to change and adapt and keep moving. This lesson applies to us as graduates off the court as well. While we're moving forward on to high school, we won't always be travelling in a straight line. Sometimes to get where we want to be we have to take a step sideways. Sometimes it's our choice and sometimes it isn't, but we do have to keep moving," she said. "Graduates, follow your dreams. Have courage. Take a chance. Believe in yourselves. You got this."

## Award winners

The school recognized students Matthew Wilson, Sophie Longo, and Evan Armstrong with the Award of Academic Excellence. Campbell Itani Smith, Avery Horner and Emmerson Wilson received the Award of Outstanding Excellence. The Athletes of the Year Award recipients were Liah Gallant and Matthew Wilson. The Ontario Principal's Council Award was earned by Aiden Keller. This year's Citizenship Award was earned by Ella Stamp and Oceane Harris. The Rising Star Award was earned by Kyan Hall. The Canadian Parents for French Award was earned by Mya Jones and Andre Mylan-Goulet.

This year's honour roll students are



A student receives a low-five after receiving his diploma during the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 Graduation on Tuesday, June 25.

Evan Armstrong, Hunter Barry, Ella Carl, Landon Chaulk, Kelly Chumbley, Liah Gallant, Brayden Grooms, Oceane Harris, Marcus Harrison, Avery Horner, Mya Jones, Aiden Keller, Jocelyne Lafleur, Mathias Lee, Cooper Lloyd, Sophie Longo, Georgia McAlpine, Michaela McCready-DeBruin, Annie Merrifield, Andre Mylan-Goulet, Owen Nicholls, Lucas Penney, Brooklyn Sidsworth, Campbell Smith, Ella Stamp, Trinity Walker, Morgan Willis, Emmerson Wilson and Matthew Wilson.



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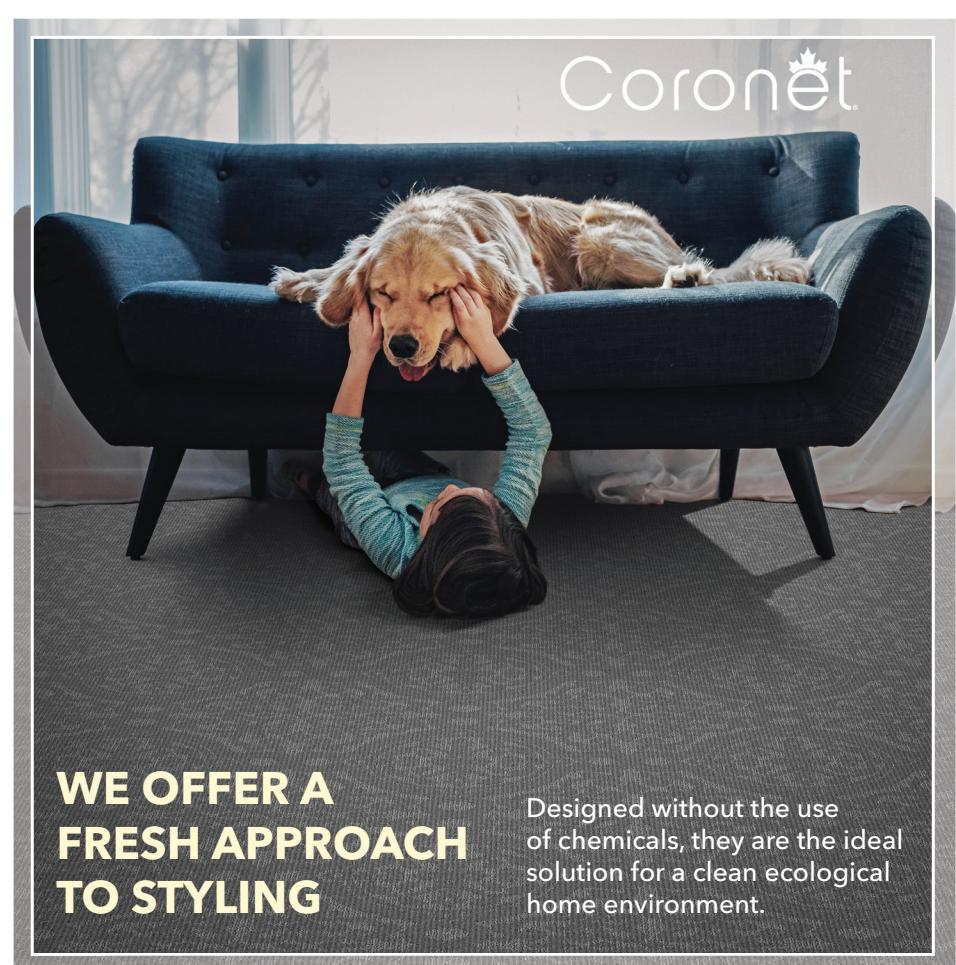
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## Wilberforce students heading to high school

The Wilberforce Elementary School graduating class of 2019 had a total of 12 students, with many recipients of awards and bursaries contributed by the Municipality of Highlands East. / VANESSA BALINTEC Staff



Hannah Huffman, recipient of the Citizenship Award and bursary, receives the Taylor Donaldson Leadership Award and bursary presented by Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and Laura Fideau.



Grade 7 and 8 teacher Ms. Webb stands alongside valedictorian and arts award winner Violette Kane at the Lloyd Watson Centre on June 26 as she delivers her speech to the graduating class, reminiscing over memories and future hopes and dreams.

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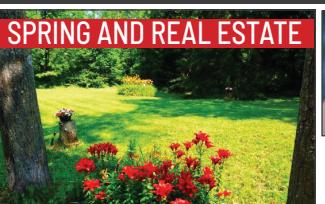
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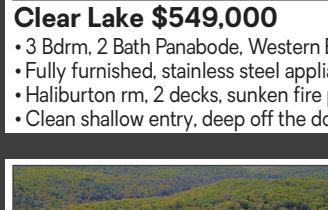
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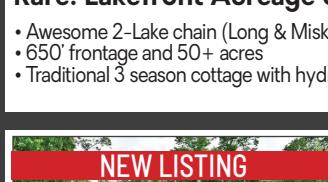
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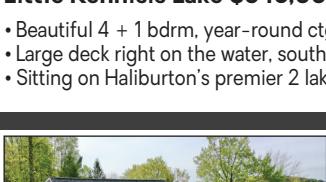
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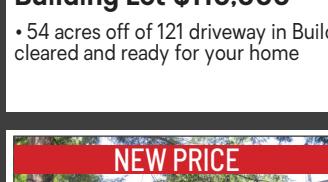
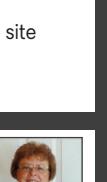
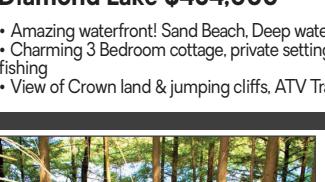
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## AAEC students celebrate graduation

The Haliburton Highlands Adult and Alternate Education Centre's graduating class of 2019 was comprised of 23 students, many of whom are now pursuing college and university degrees.

Each graduate had a personal story and testament of growth that was told through head admin and teacher Lori Sargent, which reminded vice-principal Martin Gage of an old mentor's saying: "There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but once you get there, the view's the same. No matter what path you took, you made it to the top of the mountain."

The ceremony was held at McKecks Tap & Grill on June 26. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff



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### It's a celebration

An annual rite of passage at Stuart Baker Elementary School is the Clap Out, when Grade 3 students heading to J.D. Hodgson Elementary School next year are given a musical send-off by their fellow students, friends and family. From front to back, Kaitlyn Hoare and Brooke Fockler; Ruby Andrews; Julia Jennings and Annika Gervais; Ayden Browes and Luke Gruppe.

Clapping along to Kool & the Gang's Celebration, Grade 3 graduates Dezmend Rebello, Skylar Nimigon, and Reece Rebello make their way through the halls of SBES on Thursday, June 27 and into summer vacation.

/JENN WATT Staff

# points of view

## Why we need a local drug strategy

THE HEADLINES scream out to us "Three dead from drug overdose in Peterborough over the weekend," "Cannabis edibles to be made legal in December," "Ontario government increases access to alcohol." The news regarding the overdoses is quite obviously bad, but do we assume that the other two are then good news? After all, something becoming legal must mean that it's good for us, and the convenience of increased access to alcohol can't be a bad thing, can it? These are the issues that we are being confronted with every day and it is the reason why we have a community drug strategy.

Substance use is a reality. According to Health Canada's "Canadian Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey, 2017," 78 per cent of the country reports that they had a drink in the last year and 48 per cent of people have tried an illicit drug in their lifetime.

The data available includes cannabis as an illicit drug. With cannabis now being legal, we are already seeing a slight uptick in its use among Canadians. As a drug strategy we want to be able to look at the whole picture and not just at one side of the equation when it comes to substance use. In the case of alcohol, greater access has traditionally led to more consumption, and more consumption can put the user at greater risk for more than 200 diseases, conditions and injuries. That is something that you probably won't hear in a beer commercial.

Alcohol and substance use can affect our communities in a variety of ways. It places a greater demand on our health-care system with emergency room visits and treatment for chronic illnesses. It has economic repercussions for some and it greatly impacts worker productivity and employability. According to The Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, economic insecurity paired with substance use can put individuals at a higher risk of becoming homeless leading to cycles that can be very hard to break out of. These issues then extend beyond the person who is using substances and impact their immediate family, their friends and their community. Substance use can create complex issues that can rarely be solved with a "cookie cutter" or "one size fits all" approach.

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The HKLN Drug Strategy is on the frontlines bringing awareness to these issues by collaborating with more than 50 partner agencies and using an evidence-based approach to minimize the risks and harms associated with substance use. Even if you decide your substance use is not an issue, you probably do not have to look too far to see others who are struggling. It will take a community effort to begin to reduce the stigma that those who are struggling may be feeling. We seek to build bridges and mend fences with those in our community, not construct walls and contribute to greater social isolation.

I believe that there is hope, even as the headlines seem to paint a picture of hopelessness. I believe that as one person reaches out for help, and people come alongside to support, we will begin to make inroads into what at times is a very complicated mess. The work that the drug strategy continues to do with its partners will lead to an increased awareness and an increased capacity to handle difficult situations as they present themselves. It may take time, but the time to begin the process is now. A popular Chinese proverb says the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

We all have a role to play. You can begin to make a difference by examining the role of substances in your own life. If you don't use substances you can learn about the potential harms and risks and share with your family and friends what you have learned. You can help create safe spaces where others can be encouraged to talk about their substance use without fear of judgment or blame. Return any unused medication to your local pharmacy so that it can be safely disposed of and pick up a free naloxone kit while you're there. And if you or a family member think that your substance use has become a problem, take advantage of the services and supports available in your local community.

In the weeks ahead I will take you through each of the Four Pillars of the HKLN Drug Strategy: Harm Reduction; Prevention and Education; Treatment; and Justice and Enforcement, as well as take an in-depth look at a number of different substances and talk about their potential harms.

Reach me at [communications@hklndrugstrategy.ca](mailto:communications@hklndrugstrategy.ca).

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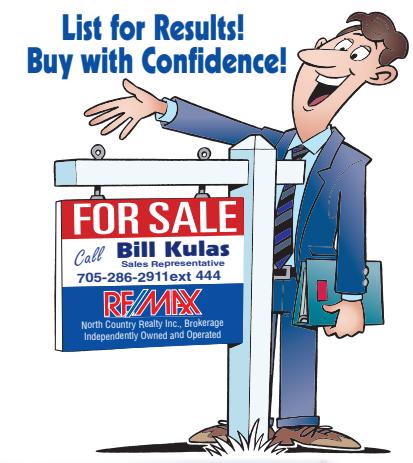
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# New name, new chapter for Glecoff's Family Store

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There's more to a name than the letters that make it up – the people behind the business give the name its meaning.

The V&S Department Store has been a downtown staple in Haliburton since the Glecoff family bought it in 1995. Since the V&S buying group no longer exists, the Glecoffs have chosen a new name, announcing on June 19 that it would now be called Glecoff's Family Store.

Andy and Sandra Glecoff, the soon-to-be-retired owners, and Clay and Amy Glecoff, the store's future owners, made the official announcement about the new name and re-branding of the store.

Clay said the basis for the change was to establish a new image with the public and the retail industry.

"We wanted a name that would shed the department store image and better reflect what we're doing inside the store. We felt that there really wasn't an attachment to V&S by us and the customers," he said. The new name will also allow them to buy from new distributors.

There is an understanding that for all these changes that customer service is an essential component to retail success.

"We've got a rule in the store. There's no pointing by the staff. You have to take the customer to where they want to go and see what they're looking for," Clay said.

Seven months of work, including



The Haliburton V&S Department Store's Clay and Amy Glecoff announced the store's new name will be Glecoff's Family Store on June 19 in Haliburton. The new name is part of a re-branding effort, which took close to seven months, that will include a new website and signage. /DARREN LUM Staff

design and marketing research with a focus group, went into the re-design.

Changes for the store include a new website, logo, business cards, highway sign, advertising to alert the public to the changes, and department store signs. A family mural is being planned to convey

family history, present and future. The Glecoff's retail history began with Cyril Glecoff in 1929.

Mike Jaycock and Linda Middleton were hired to handle marketing and

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— Clay Glecoff

design, respectively.

Clay said he's hoping to build on current customer buying patterns to expand what can be expected when shoppers come to the store.

"What I'd like to see happen is us become a destination store as well. Robinson's [General Store in Dorset]: I throw that out there as an example. Everybody talks about how great Robinson's is. People go there to see what's going on. That's what I want to become," he said.

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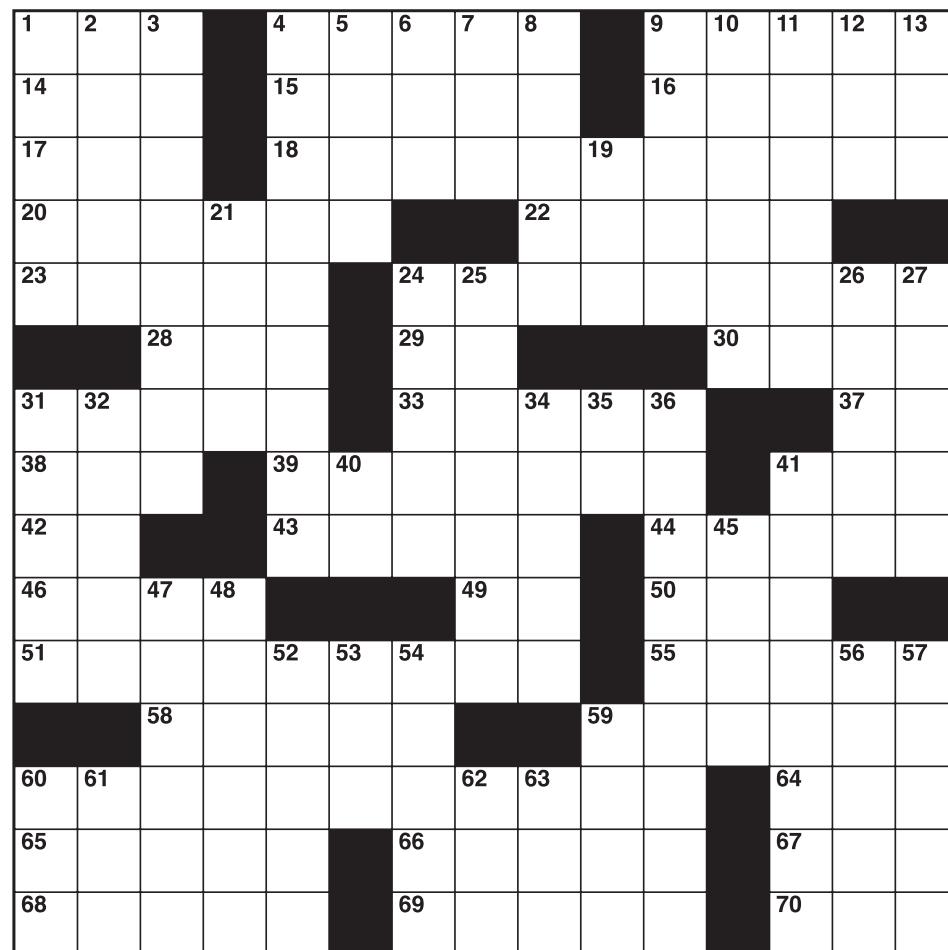
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Bridge building degree
- Catches
- A heavy type of music
- Original "Twilight Zone" host Serling
- Rodent species
- Finnish lake
- Street (abbr.)
- Home of the US Naval Academy
- It held a convention once
- Makes a loud, ringing sound
- Cave
- Lessening of something
- MJ's nickname "\_\_\_ Jordan"
- One's way of doing things
- Wings
- Quotes as evidence for
- Acts glumly
- A man's title
- It comes first
- Edible mollusk
- Resembles a pouch
- He/she checks your health
- Nobel Prize-winning biochemist
- Stop momentarily
- Formerly (archaic)
- Commercial
- White vestment worn

by clergy  
51. Island people of the Mediterranean  
55. Prices  
58. On a line at right angles to a ship's length  
59. Where boats are parked  
60. One who values reason  
64. It might be on your driveway  
65. Small Iranian village  
66. Used to emphasize  
67. Mathematical term (abbr.)  
68. Long necked birds  
69. Eyeglasses  
70. When you hope to get there

**CLUES DOWN**

- Portuguese district
- An assembly of witches
- Having few teeth
- The act of going across
- Nepalese dynasty
- "Bye Bye Birdie" actress \_\_\_-Margaret
- What the princess found beneath her mattress
- Pennsylvania transit organization
- Winnie the Pooh creator
- Riddle

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Stuart Baker Elementary School teacher Kelly Davis received the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Teaching Impact Award of Excellence for establishing a stimulating learning environment that motivates students to achieve positive results. Davis has taught for more than 25 years (14 at SBES) and this is her first teaching award./DARREN LUM Staff

## Honoured teacher 'loving and kind,' 'firm and fair'

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Stuart Baker Elementary School French Immersion teacher Kelly Davis appreciates the recognition of winning the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Teaching Impact Award of Excellence.

Davis has been teaching for close to 30 years and says she was surprised and overwhelmed when she found out she had won.

"To me, I just come to work every day. This is what I do ... But to have that recognition is an honour and special. Somebody is acknowledging what I do and have been doing," she said.

The award recognizes those who establish a stimulating learning environment that motivates students to achieve positive results.

SBES colleague Stephanie Ward, who led the nomination, said she would not be the teacher she is without Davis's "tremendous influence."

Her written nomination reads: "Student engagement and achievement is at the heart of everything Kelly does. Her style of teaching is loving and kind, while still being firm and fair. Year after year, her students adore her. I was once invited by her Grade 3 students to a surprise party they were throwing in her honour to celebrate what a great teacher she is! She is a hard worker and puts in long hours to make sure that her students succeed."

Other colleagues submitted supporting documents.

The summaries include an overview of what Davis does, but, more importantly, provide insight into how she makes people feel. She is able to balance being nice with setting boundaries for students so they can be best equipped to learn.

"If Kelly were a superhero, her super power would be mentorship," Ward wrote. "... I am eternally grateful for having had such a comprehensive mentorship experience in my early years of teaching. It gave me a solid, stable pedagogical base and alleviated a great deal of the stress that can come with teaching."

Ward concluded her nomination letter with: "If you were to ask me what has been the single thing to have most significantly impacted my teaching career, the answer would not be a what, it would be a who. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of an Impact Award than Kelly Davis."

Like Ward, Davis had a teacher who was instrumental in her teaching career.

Davis said her Grade 6 teacher, who was kind and compassionate, inspired her to be an educator.

Asked what she would say to her, Davis said, "I would say, thank you. Her kindness sparked a light inside of me and a fire to pursue the same career. She obviously ... had the passion and the same drive to teach students."

Davis's career spans a quarter of a century, including 18 years at SBES. During that time she taught a couple years of English, core French and French immersion.

She enjoys the opportunity to work with children and see their eyes light up with understanding.

"It's the children. Seeing the children. Every child is special and just seeing when they're learning, I'm so thrilled that they're learning and growing. It's just a love of being able to give the passion that I have ... when you see that they are understanding things. And it's just a thrill for me," she said.

*To have that recognition is an honour and special.*

— Kelly Davis

## Mary Poppins leads 2019 HSF season

During a rehearsal of *Mary Poppins* on June 29 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Jane and Michael's toys are brought to life by Mary Poppins to teach the children a lesson on how to better take care of their belongings, much to the dismay and bewilderment of the kids. *Mary Poppins* performances take place from Tuesday, July 2 through to Tuesday, July 9. For specific dates and times and to order your tickets, call 705-457-9933 or go online to [highlandsummer-festival.on.ca](http://highlandsummer-festival.on.ca) (no hyphen). /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff



## Councillors consider hiring third party for governance review

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councillors, explaining it was difficult to produce exact financial figures when it came to the amount of money these collaborations were saving, and thus there were no financial figures in the report. "I think these collaborations have been working, that they've been saving a lot of money," Rutter said.

The report also included a number of areas the CAOs had identified for potential collaboration, larger scale ideas such as a county-wide building department, county-wide procurement department, a county-wide or shared fire department, county-wide waste contracts and a county-wide economic development department.

"There has been no effort made to analyze these suggestions in great detail," the report from Rutter reads. "In most cases, it is recommended that external resources be used to study the service area and make specific recommendations. When county council established this process, there was some discussion about including a review of service levels provided in each jurisdiction. We have not included this detail in this report, but that will be an important aspect to be studied if any of the recommendations are to be investigated in more detail."

"My initial thought is our lower tiers, and yourself, are busy enough," Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said to Rutter, adding he thought the county should be using an outside expert for any further investigation or creation of new potential governance models.

"There's a whole conversation about community and philosophy," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Moffatt has stressed repeatedly that studies she's read have concluded that amalgamations often don't save money, and that sometimes amalgamated governments wind up costing more to operate. "Equally important is what we could gain

and what we could lose as communities."

Moffatt said she realized there was an appetite for consistent bylaws across the board throughout the county, and that some people would not care if some of the county's smallest communities such as Cardiff or Oxtongue Lake lost their identity in that process.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen said she shared Moffatt's concerns about loss of community identity and local culture.

"The assumption by the public is that we're going to save money if we go to amalgamation," Danielsen said, adding she did not believe that would be the case. Danielsen also said that whatever course county council chose to take, "we have to agree completely."

"I respect what Councillor Kennedy was saying about a third party," said Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall. Ryall said he would like to see the items laid out in the report prioritized by the county's five chief administrative officers.

"This is like a shopping list," he said. "If it's an elephant, where do you take the first bite? And how big is that bite?"

Danielsen said she thought the CAOs had already done enough work on the subject, and that any further investigation would best be handled by a third-party consultant.

"There is more benefit in independent work," she said.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts seemed content to maintain the status quo when it comes to how the county and its lower tiers operate.

"I don't know that I even want to do anything with this," Roberts said, indicating there were already a number of areas where the municipalities collaborate. "I'm not really ready to do anything right now."

Of the eight members of county council, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin has been the most outwardly supportive of exploring an amalgamation-style model.

"I'm going to be the contrarian, obviously," Devolin said. "There are some real challenges coming for us as municipalities."

Devolin noted there is mounting pressure for municipalities to be able to find people qualified for highly specialized jobs. "I'm not sure going forward that we can continue to fill those positions. I think we're going to hit a wall."

Devolin said the same of asset management, the long list of equipment the province mandates that municipalities must replace on a regular basis. "I think on that side, we're going to run into a wall too . . . I think these are two big structural things that are not going to allow us to stay where we're at."

Devolin also said the process in his mind was not necessarily about cost savings.

"My interest is value and functionality," he said, making a vehicular analogy. "There's not many of us that would walk on the lot and buy the cheapest car, because it fails our values test."

Moffatt reiterated that an amalgamation would not be the straight-forward process some people think it would be.

"If anyone thinks the county's going to amalgamate, and have just one staff structure, and one CAO . . . they're not living in the real world," she said.

Moffatt, who's talked about a made-in-Haliburton-County solution that would not necessarily be a single-tier amalgamation, said ideally she'd like to see a process where two or three model options could be presented to the public.

"I can't figure out how to get us there," she said. "It has to be through a third-party."

Most councillors seemed to express an interest in hiring a third-party expert for further work, with Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell not present for the conversation.

"This is a discussion we're going to

have for the balance of this term," Devolin said.

Rutter told councillors that the CAOs could work on prioritizing the list, but that he thought it would be helpful if council chose a governance model first.

"I wouldn't want to invest much in this list, until you've had that conversation," he said, adding that the four lower-tier councils would also need to be consulted as part of any review. "It's not just a county council discussion, at all."

"I think it fundamentally starts there, and I think the sooner you answer that question, the better," Rutter said, adding that having a government that appears to be in flux could affect staff attraction and retention.

Rutter said any review would also need to involve public meetings and community consultation.

"I also have concerns about going out and asking the public what they want," said Danielsen, adding she didn't think many residents understood the true intricacies of amalgamation. "A lot of them really don't have the right information to start with."

As he has before, Devolin re-iterated that if the county does not do some restructuring on its own, he fears that restructuring could be mandated upon it by the province.

"My worst fear is that somebody external will impose a new construct on us, and it will be the worst thing it could be," he said.

Devolin also noted that many councillors have connections to municipal staff throughout the county.

"They're our friends, neighbours, and family," he said.

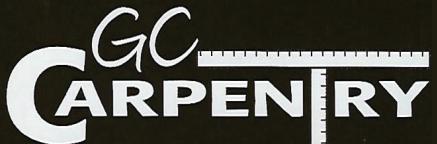
Ultimately, council requested another report come back from Rutter, one which will look at prioritization of the collaboration items, and the creation of a process should council decide to undertake the services of a third-party expert.

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# High school duo gives to Heat Bank

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 students Stefan Salaris and Bence Suranyi gave it their all and were rewarded for their passion with a Youth Philanthropy Initiative grant worth \$5,000 to gift to Heat Bank Haliburton County.

HHSS teacher Paul Longo paraphrased the judges' comments on why the pair won the YPI grant: "All the presentations were great, but what put them over the top was their passion and the way they expressed themselves and their excitement. So that was the key," he said.

This year's judges were Grace Kim, Jonas Moghini, Hunter Chapple, and Abi Kauffeldt, who were last year's winning group, advocating for Cottage Dreams.

Stefan was in disbelief when he learned he and Bence had won the \$5,000 for the Heat Bank, a community initiative that helps vulnerable Haliburton County residents with access to emergency firewood and heat.

"We were the only group of two. We were up against a handful of groups of fours for the actual \$5,000 final competition, but when they announced our names and the Haliburton Heat Bank, I was awfully surprised and happy about it," he said.

The pair's presentation included a video based on a similar concept in Europe. The students showed the audience a video depicting fuel poverty that faces people around the world.

The YPI grant motivates students around the world to learn about and advocate for local charities. The stipulation is that it be open to students across one grade level and be a marked project in a mandatory course. Nearly 20 student groups at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School competed.

Bence said the idea to produce a presentation on the Heat Bank came from their teacher Kelsey Crowe.

"I knew Bence and Stefan would do an excellent job representing the Heat Bank for the charity's first experience in the YPI process. I'm very proud of the work that was done by both of my civics course student teams who competed in the YPI finals," she said.

Bence said he thought the organization was "intriguing."



"This was a sector I hadn't heard of and you know when you're thinking charities generally you think of food banks, maybe a place where you get water, homeless shelters. I never really thought of a heat bank where you can get all kinds of fuels," he said.

Stefan said during the winter he helps his father snow plow. During one job, they noticed a client of theirs had a poorly insulated home, which posed a challenge for him to keep his home warm. They returned at a later date and helped install insulation and a vapour barrier. Working on this project, he learned this kind of help is also provided by the Heat Bank.

Heat Bank co-ordinator Tina Jackson was impressed by the boys and the process they went through to win the grant.

"It really speaks to how engaged and amazing our local youth are and, this, specifically the YPI program, is a win just by having youth interested in what we're doing. Through that interview process when they're developing their presentations they're learning about,

Grade 10 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Bence Suranyi, left, and Stefan Salaris, who were winners of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative grant worth \$5,000 presented a novelty cheque to Heat Bank Haliburton County's co-ordinator Tina Jackson on Wednesday, June 19 at the high school in Haliburton. Jackson said she was "amazed" with the donation and said it will help 10 families, providing heat for each of them for at least two weeks. The YPI is part of an umbrella of philanthropy programs funded by the Toskan Casale Foundation./DARREN LUM Staff

one, what's available in their community in case their friends or families might need it. [Two], also ways of giving back and being aware how the community works and the fact that there are some families that need this assistance," she said. "That might be something new for some of our more privileged youth and that's important to know that everybody's situation is different."

She added, "For them to have obviously researched and put their heart and soul into that presentation clearly was what won it, so that's incredible."

The money will help provide heat to 10 to 12 families for a few weeks, she said.

Besides the Heat Bank's fundraising events, this is the single highest donation this year, she said.

"We usually get a lot of our donations in December, but when temperatures start to fall in September, October we're already starting to get those calls earlier. So having this in the bank already that's incredible," she said.

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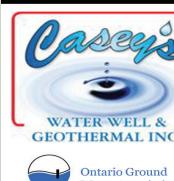
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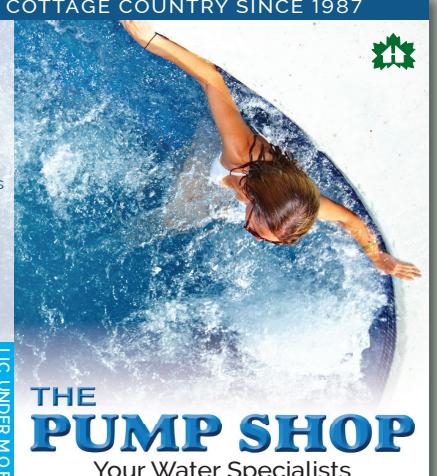


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# The sexiest person I know

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Eugenia Bigbottom doesn't look like her name. She's tidy, buttoned down, and has a very big bottom. And she should. She's a raccoon. WAS a raccoon, incarnated into a middle class housewife who lives on Flowerblossom Trail in Lake Whaddaya-thinkImean.

The large circles around her eyes? Raccoon. Spiky hair? Raccoon. Addiction to taking her younglings out late at night to raid her neighbours' garbage cans? Raccoon.

The thing is, she has no inkling why she's compelled to do this – there's plenty of food in the Bigbottom house. As owner of Bigbottom's Discount Food Mart, Mr. Bigbottom is constantly stocking their cupboards with whatever foods they like.

While little or no sway is made for other people's peculiar addictions and physical abnormalities, neighbours, strangers and friends alike seem not to notice or care when it comes to Eugenia's, because to both men, women and children – Eugenia Bigbottom is irresistibly sexy.

Now, some dictionaries describe "sexy" as "sexually attractive or exciting" – while others say it means: "exciting and interesting." In the case of Eugenia Bigbottom, it would certainly cause those who haven't met her to scratch their heads in disbelief. And, for good reason. Not an interesting word comes out of her. She's about exciting as lint. And her looks are off-putting to say the least.

So, what is it that causes her to be irresistibly sexy?

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Eugenia's presence. You don't see hard-as-nails hair, but a halo. And the odor that emanates from her body? An irresistible fragrant ambrosia that renders you in a semi-hypnotic state.

Besides having been a raccoon in her past life, Eugenia was also a monk in the lifetime before that one. A monk whose heart was so pure and filled with joy that when he died, his only wish was to be one with the humblest creatures on the earth. Hence – Brother Elixer reincarnated into a raccoon.

The raccoon, having grown even bigger of heart with its love for her children, wanted only to be reborn as a human to teach kindness and acceptance of people's "differences."

So, here she is, the most unusual of all in the community of Lakewhaddaya-thinkImean. Yes, Eugenia Bigbottom's greatness is not what she has, not what she does, but what she is. A person who loves unconditionally. Who gives unconditionally. Who does not judge herself or others. And whose sense of goodwill touches the hearts of everyone she meets.

And wouldn't you know, just this afternoon as I was doing the dishes, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes phoned to tell me that Eugenia has little time left to live. Oh, how my heart sank. "Not

Eugenia!" I cried. Tears ran uncontrollably down my cheeks filling the sink, washing the dishes without me.

I wish I could be like Eugenia Bigbottom. I wish I could be judgment-free and love others (and myself) unconditionally as she does. What a wonderful world it would be. What a different time we would be living in. I must give her a call. Give her a hug. Thank her for just being Eugenia, whose very presence is an extraordinary gift to all of us in Lake W, and in ol' Maybelle's books ... darn right sexy!

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," is available at amazon.com*



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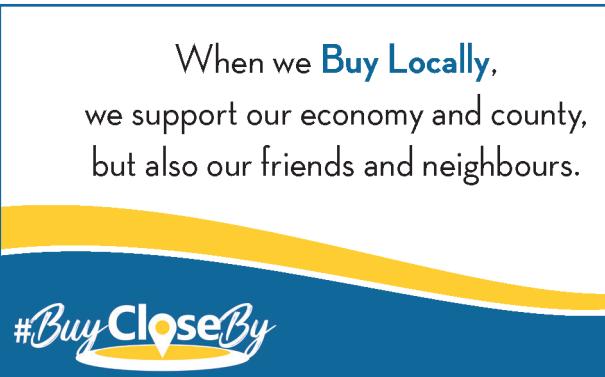
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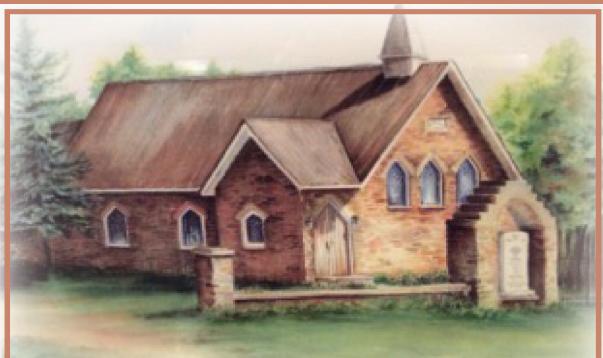
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### Dale MacDonald

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#### Private Family Arrangements

A Private Gathering will take place at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services or the Stanhope Fire Department would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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### In Loving Memory of Christopher Jay "Chris" Cowan

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Loving husband of Kim (nee Griffin) for 32 years. Loving father of Brady and Paige. Dear brother of Kim (Paul) Wilson and family. Son of the late Marilyn and Russell Cowan and son-in-law of Evelyn and the late Neil Griffin. Fondly remembered by his brother-in-law Brad (Cathy) Griffin and family.

A Memorial Visitation to Celebrate Chris's Life will be held at the West Guelph Community Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Road, West Guelph, Ontario, K0M 2S0 on Friday, July 5, 2019 from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Cremation has taken place.

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Canada's bluesman shows why he can still pack 'em in at Saturday night's concert

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We have coverage of events at JDHES, SBES, HHSS, Wilberforce and Gooderham

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Our intrepid reporter dons a pith helmet and goes off in search of the Kash croc

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**Happy birthday, Canada!**

Best friends Victoria King, 11, and Jackie Ranson, 11, wear their pride on their cheeks as they hold a homemade Canada flag at West Gullford's annual celebration on July 1. It was a hot day for the crowds who arrived at the community centre to play games, enjoy some great food and ooh and aah over the fireworks. Because of deadlines, you'll have to wait until next week for more details.

**College turns sod for new campus**

Creative by Nature campaign has already raised three-quarters of \$2.5 million goal

**MARTHA PERKINS**

Editor

Barb Bolin must be a creative fundraiser by nature.

After all, on Friday afternoon when she officially announced that the public commitment to the new Sir Sandford Fleming College campus in Glebe Park is \$2.5-million, she was also able to reveal that she and her committee have already

raised 75% of that amount.

Bolin's been busily working behind the scenes to raise the money since March of 2001, when MPP Chris Hodgson announced that SSFC had been successful in applying for \$5 million in SuperBuild funding for a new campus. She took a leave of absence from her duties as campus principal to lead the fundraising effort.

Joined by a committee headed by

Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey, she quietly went to work on the Creative by Nature campaign. Approaching people associated with the Highlands and especially the college's Haliburton School of the Arts, she was able to raise donations and commitments totally \$1.9 million by Friday afternoon's sod-turning ceremony.

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**MARTHA PERKINS**

Editor

If the crocodile which is supposedly lurking in the shallow waters of Lake Kashagawigamog is ever found, the first thing it should do is hire a Hollywood agent.

The Kash croc is famous. Even though only four, maybe five, people have actually seen it, it became a media darling after news of its sighting was picked up by the likes of CBC Radio and the *Toronto Sun*. A "crocodile hunter" from Ottawa spent two days trying to find it, television crews interviewed boaters and swimmers, the Ministry of Natural Resources was inundated with calls, and rumours spread faster than gossip at the Kozy Korner's breakfast club.

"Have you seen the croc?" became the most frequently asked question in the Highlands, right after "Have they caught it yet?"

In a matter of days, the Kash croc was a star.

Not everyone applauded its arrival on our fair shores, however. Some of the people who called the MNR were fearful of their children's safety and at least one resort on the lake did a sweep of its beach before declaring an all-clear for swimmers.

The theory is that someone bought the crocodile, most likely a swamp- and river-dwelling caiman, and when it grew too big to handle, dumped it in the lake.

The first person to see it was Laurie McFarland. Last Sunday, June 23, she and her six-year-old son Sean were out in their paddleboat on Lake Kashagawigamog, just past their cottage at Clees

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SOYERS LAKE \$499,000



Yr round home/cottage. 2 acres lot. 344 ft of frontage. 3 BR, 1 bath open concept living. Bright eat-in kitchen, sunken living room w/ cathedral ceilings. Over-sized single garage.

LITTLE KENNISIIS LAKE \$734,500



Bright & spacious 3 BR, 2 bath cottage. Fulfils all your wants & needs for year-round cottaging. Custom built kitchen, pine cathedral ceilings, large deck. Excellent swimming and boating. Southern Exposure, child friendly lot.

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$558,000



Renovated 3BR, 2 bath home/cottage. Open concept kitchen/dining/living. Wood cabinetry. Beautiful lake view. 90 ft of frontage. VERY private. Turn key. Northwestern exposure.

TWELVE MILE LAKE \$569,969



A million dollar view! Nice and bright custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home across the road from Twelve Mile Lake. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes. Finished to perfection.

GRASS LAKE \$624,900



Paradise found! Stunning 4BR, 2 bath year-round home/cottage. Close to Haliburton Village. Oak cabinetry, large windows & more. 625 ft of frontage. Panoramic lake views.

SOYERS LAKE \$739,000



3BR, 2 bath home/cottage, 10 minutes from all amenities. Pine ceilings throughout, open concept kitchen and many upgrades. Private lot with level grassed area- great for kids. Stunning lake views, Large sitting dock at waters edge.



Drag Lake \$ 899,00



Peace and tranquility! 10 minutes from Haliburton Village. 3BR, 3 bath year-round home/cottage. Quiet bay. Large open concept 2 1/2 storey home w/ finished loft.

Kennisis Lake \$839,000



Breathtaking Southern views! 4BR, 2 bath, 2 storey home/cottage. Year-round access. Sloping lot w/ stone steps to waters edge and dock. Move in and enjoy.

Otter Lake \$1,080,000



Custom built 4BR waterfront home/cottage. Very Private. 462 ft of frontage. 67 acres. Small lake w/ great fishing. Granite fireplace, cathedral ceiling and fully finished lower level.

Grass Lake \$1,120,000



Location, Location, Location! 4BR, 4bath home/cottage. Large sunny lot. 100+ ft of frontage. Massive 80ft deck. High quality finishings. Many upgrades.

Sayers Lake \$1,399,000



Private 4BR 1 1/2 storey home/cottage. Level to gentle sloping 1.22 acre lot. 190 ft of frontage. 2 Large grassed areas. Shallow sand beach. 5 Lake chain. Stone fireplace, finished loft and much more.

Colbourne Lake \$999,000



25 acres of matured trees with 300 ft of frontage. 4 bedroom, 2 bath log home/cottage. Stunning open concept living, engineered hardwood flooring. Wraparound covered deck, private boat launch. Heated workshop, bunkie and century log cabin.

WOODS ROAD \$475,000



Beautiful country home minutes from Haliburton Village. Oak flooring, red pine ceilings. Large deck over looking Barnum lake. 3 BR, 3 bath home.

BURNT RIVER \$488,000



Log home with the perfect amount of country charm! 3 BR, 3 bath home fronting on Burnt River. Southern views. Wraparound deck. Built in appliances.

CARROLL ROAD \$559,500



Every nature lovers dream! 3 BR, 2 bath rustic log home. .92 acres. Open concept, sunken living room. Large 3 bay garage, wood shed and garden shed.

CONTAU LAKE \$379,000



Private 3BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage with 110 ft of frontage. Bright open concept living. Level to gentle slope lot. 10X10 flawless gazebo.

COUNTY ROAD 21 \$335,000



Cute and cozy 3BR, 2 bath multi-level home. Minutes from Haliburton Village. Beautifully treed lot. Double detached drive-thru garage.

HALIBURTON LAKE \$649,000



Looking for the perfect family cottage to use year-round? Look no further. Bright open concept 3BR, 1 bath. Level lot. Large grassed area. Many upgrades.

HORSESHOE LAKE \$399,000



You can't beat this lake view! Gorgeous sand beach. 3 BR, 1 bath cottage. Open concept living. Main fir laundry. Massive deck. Stunning South Eastern views.

EAGLE LAKE ROAD \$449,000



Enjoy privacy and nature! 3BR, 3 bath brick home. Minutes from West Guilford. Large master BR w/ 4pc ensuite. Double attached garage. Small private pond.

## VACANT LOTS

**NEW LISTING**  
COLBOURNE LAKE  
4.83 AC \$289,000

**HAMILTON ROAD /SOUTH LAKE**  
16.25 AC \$150,000

**HARBURN ROAD ACREAGE**  
44.17 AC \$108,000

**GLAMORGAN ROAD ACREAGE**  
18 AC \$68,000

**CONTAU LAKE ROAD**  
3.91 AC \$49,000

**CONTAU LAKE LOT**  
1.33 AC \$179,000